

Presbyterian preacher and college graduate, was its principal. In 1828, another Presbyterian preacher was in charge, Rev. A. W. Gay. Finally the school was conducted, beginning in 1837, by Mr. and Mrs. Hall.²²¹

These documents contain very little about the schools of Edenton. They do tell us, however, that Rev. J. O. Freeman was teaching there in 1805, assisted by Messrs. Nye and Hilliard, who were recommended by "a number of respectable characters in the towns of Cambridge and Falmouth, in Massachusetts."²²² Likely they were Harvard graduates.

As early as 1806, Guilford Academy was advertised with John W. Caldwell as principal.²²³ In 1818, the school was conducted by Nathaniel H. Harris and James Kerr.²²⁴ In 1819, Rev. William Paisley, a Presbyterian minister, became principal, assisted by his daughter and Iveson L. Brooks.²²⁵ In 1821, Mr. Paisley was still principal, assisted by John W. Caldwell, Jonathan Worth and Miss Paisley.²²⁶ In 1828, the school was in charge of John D. Clancy, a graduate of the University.²²⁷ The Jonathan Worth mentioned as a teacher in this school was the same Jonathan Worth who was afterwards governor of the State.

When Liberty Hall Academy which was chartered in 1778 was abandoned in 1780, it was removed to Salisbury. There is no authentic record of the Salisbury School prior to 1807. During that year, the trustees announced that they had secured Rev. John Brown, "some years at Wadesboro," to act as their principal teacher.²²⁸ In 1818, the academy was in charge of Robert L. Edmonds, who was "educated in the University of Glasgow" and at Trinity College, Dublin. Mr. Edmonds was assisted by Miss Eliza Slater and Miss Mitchell, "two young ladies who have been procured from New York." Later on Miss Mary Ann Slater, a sister of Miss Eliza Slater, was also a teacher in the academy.²²⁹ Just as it often happens now, the women teachers of that day abandoned their school room duties and got married. The middle name of one of our present U. S. senators, whose home is at Salisbury, is Slater—Lee Slater Overman is his full name.

In 1821, Rev. Jonathan O. Freeman became principal of the Salisbury Academy. He was here when called to Raleigh to succeed Dr. McPheeters in 1827. In 1838, the Salisbury Female Academy was in charge of Mrs. Hutchison, formerly Miss Nye, who once taught at Raleigh. She was assisted by Miss Sarah Louise Nye of New York, a niece, by Miss Emma J. Baker and by Rev. Stephen Frontis, the "native of France" who formerly taught at Raleigh.²³⁰

A number of other teachers are named in these records before 1810. Some of them, like Jacob Nelson²³¹ at Mt. Clio Academy and A. M. Rogers²³² at Greene Academy in 1807, are mentioned only once and nothing is known as to their antecedents. The *Raleigh Star* said that Jacob Mordecai, who conducted a female seminary at Warrenton from 1808 to 1815, was a man of education and taste.²³³ In 1808, Rev. Wil-

²²¹PP. 636-639. ²²²PP.326-327. ²²³P. 168. ²²⁴P. 168. ²²⁵P. 168. ²²⁶PP. 169-170. ²²⁷P. 170. ²²⁸P. 346. ²²⁹PP. 349-351. ²³⁰P. 381. ²³¹P. 343. ²³²P. 167. ²³³P. 595.